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All good things go on and on, sometimes. This one took an extra week, but don't knock it or I'll break your goddamn neck. This is what it says above that it is, a Grendel Press magazine of postal Diplomacy's least rational game published as a public service by Conrad von Metzke, 1580 1/2 Dale Street, San Diego, California 92102. Telephone (714) 239-1574. Subscriptions 10/\$1.

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Austria builds Armies Bud and Tri. England builds Fleet Lon. France builds Army Par, F Mar. Germany builds Army Mun. Italy builds Fleet Nap. Russia builds Armies Mos and StP. Turkey builds Fleet Smy and Press Release factory in the hash fields s.w. of Ankara.

Units on board after 1901:

A (Manogg): A's Vic, Ser, Bud, Tri; F Gre (5).  
E (Barrows): A Myr; F's Mth, Wng, Lon (4).  
F (Peery): A's Bur, Spa, Par; F's For, Mar (5).  
G (Just): A's Kie, Ruh, Mun; F Bel (4).  
I (Walker): A's Pie, Ven; M's Nap, Tun (4).  
R (Ward): A's Sev, Ukr, Mos, StP; F's Rum, Swe (6).  
T (Ver Floeg): A's Con, Bul; M's Smy, Bla (4).

Spring 1902 Moves are due Saturday, October 2, 1971.

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Those who care should know that the title of this magazine translates out to 'The Duty of the First and Greatest Commandment.' It is the title of two late 18th Century operas, one by Mozart (K.35) written at the age of eleven, and one by J.M. Haydn.

MOSCOW (3 Sep. 1901) (CTF): Tsar Nicholas christened the colors of the new 23d Imperial Regiment. This unit was raised by diligent recruiting efforts in the new Trans-Scandinavian Territory. The Tsar promised to repel any attempt to seize these newly-won lands, but pledged that he would respect the claims of the British Empire to Norway, conditional on a reciprocal pledge of British respect for the Trans-Scandinavian Republic.

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PORT ARTHUR (1 Oct. 1901)(CEP): Colonel Grand Duke Popogord marched his victorious army through the streets of Port Arthur today after a whirlwind campaign against Japanese presence in this strategic area. "We cannot afford to have the yellow dwarves at our back door while the Empire fights for survival."

MOSCOW (5 Oct. 1901)(CEP): Tsar Nicholas today received the Japanese Ambassador. He pledged the immediate withdrawal from Port Arthur, the payment of a 250 million ruble indemnity, and the immediate arrest of Colonel Popogord, who was ordered to return to Moscow without his army.

PORT ARTHUR (10 Oct. 1901)(CEP): A tall figure reported to be Colonel Popogord departed on the Trans-Siberian Railway for Moscow today.

SACRAMENTO: Sacramento Police Department sources today announced the arrest of an as yet unidentified man as he tried to enter an area apartment. Sergeant Duane Wilson of the public information office indicated that the alleged burglar was carrying a copy of some strange publication with a Teutonic-sounding title. Questioning has revealed nothing, as the burglar keeps muttering about Russian spies, Siberian armies, a Colonel Popogord, and 'Laster Spy Jack E. Leonard.' The burglar has been admitted to the Sacramento Radical Center psychiatric ward for observation, but Head Nurse H. Princetonia Garrigus indicated that ~~with~~ "This is a difficult case, and we may have to keep him for some time." The burglar had papers in the name of Henry J. Krajewski, well-known political leader and presidential candidate, but these were proven false by contact with the Camden, New Jersey, police department, which confirmed the presence of Mr. Krajewski on his pig farm.

JAMUL: In the wild foothills of this placid community, a revolution is springing up. Several local persons, all of them well-known political leaders and candidates, have formed the "Committee of Several to Free Henry J. Krajewski." The platform of the committee includes such things as: release of Krajewski from the Sacramento looney bin by whatever means necessary; the forcible and violent rape of Head Nurse Garrigus ("a fascist pig bitch if we ever saw one"); the crushing and destruction of any and all political publishing outlets in Sacramento; and the establishment of a national holiday on the birthday of Jack E. Leonard. Leaders of the Committee include Howard Trekanoff, Art Akers, L.J. Mooshie, William Latsebobba, and upwards of fifty other major politicians currently on the outs. "Free Krajewski; Screw Princetonia" - thus has the cry been raised.

ATHENS (Christmas Day 1901): Amid great ceremony, His Majesty King William I of Hohenzollern was crowned King of the Hellenes; the ceremony took place in the rebuilt Parthenon, an edifice which now resembles the Confederate States Capitol at Montgomery. His Majesty pledged full allegiance to the UP cause, noting that the powerful UP fleet anchored off Piraeus proved the good will of the Emperor Attilio and confirmed his promise to protect Greece from foreign (i.e. Turkish or Italian) aggression. When asked what they felt about yet another King of foreign ancestry upon the throne of Greece, most men in the street responded with various variations, some obscene, on an old Greek saying, viz.: "No Greek is stupid enough to choose another Greek to rule over him."

BETTER FLAGS AND GUILDS, Jan. 1902. Word has just been received that the new flag of Greece is black with a Golden Phoenix rising out of red flames. An excellent choice by King William, a return to the flag

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of the Ypsilanti's in the German national colors. Because of a desire to avoid confusion with certain numerous Italian flags at sea, it has been decided that the Greek Merchant Flag would be the house flag of the Onassis Lines; red, with the Ψ rune of the god Mammon in yellow in the center.

JAMUL: Residents of small towns are usually conservative; those of this exciting town dare to be different. Usually for difference's sake alone. This week, hearing of the new Greek flag, Jamul citizens announced that because they were richer than Onassis (at least in character), they would not be outdone by his pretentious banner. The Jamul Merchant Marine adopted a new standard consisting in a bright orange field with two horizontal brown phosphorescent bars, two Ψ runes in turtle green, and a black Tucson emblazoned in the center. Now all that remains is to find something to display the thing on. Jamul lost its merchant marine last month when Jed Frigger sold his Army surplus rubber raft.

PAOLI (8 Sept. 1971):

A young man named Conrad von Metzke  
Harried Kate; and you can just bet-ski  
That since she was so small,  
And since he was so tall,  
He sits on the floor when they pet-ski.

JAMUL (9 Sept. 1971):

A teacher named Just, of Paoli,  
Consumed fifty-three pounds Gorgonzola.  
He could hardly ball whores,  
Let alone get through doors,  
So he's changed to a pizza - to roll-i.

JAMUL (10 Sept. 1971): That wasn't very good; let's try again.

A purported 'musician', R. Wagner,  
Had a love affair going with Pagner.  
When the Magic Fire burned,  
And Wotan was injured,  
Pagner made it with Wagner till Ragnar  
ok.

PEERIS (12 Nov. 1901): After debates in the greater and lesser Supreme Councils of Peerleites, the Peeriment today approved the War Estimates for next year. The Peeriment authorized construction of a new fleet in Toulon, after a fierce debate on whether the presence of an Italian army in Piedmont was a serious threat to the Peerilocracy. The Government had recommended an additional army in Marseilles, for the war against Germany, but strong regional forces in the lower Rhone Valley pushed for the fleet.

LOURMES (24 Dec. 1901): A series of strange reports is coming out of this town today. In anticipation of the coming of Jesus Bar-Shara, thousands upon thousands of devout followers of the Promising One have been gathering in this village to await His coming. Things got so bad that the hotels, motels, trailer parks, etc., were turning away visitors by the score. However, those with confirmed reservations were getting

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rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Henge Lealie Tapscott, of Cape Meddick, Maine, USA, had a confirmed reservation for the Presidential Suite at the Lourdes Hilton. They arrived as scheduled and took up residence in the Suite. Within a few hours of their arrival it became obvious that Mrs. Tapscott, who was in a very advanced condition, prepared to be delivered of a baby. Shortly after midnight Mrs. Tapscott was delivered of a baby boy. The baby, born with a Euclid tie around his neck, a three of spades in one hand, and a Ming vase in the other, proceeded to let the world know of his presence in a mighty roar. His first words, uttered only moments after birth, were: "Sell Transatron!" When it became known in the village that a baby had been born, visitors poured in to pay their respects: the mayor, the fire chief, the local postal clerk, the maitre d', the bellman, the house detective. The baby was presented with a variety of gifts: a set of blocks, several pomegranates, 100 shares of Jewish war bonds, a cat, a set of family jewels, a pair of peagreen hotpants, and other goodies. At six a.m., while visitors watched in stunned silence, an angel (or good fairy) appeared to hover over the baby and spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Surely he will save the world from sin and darkness and ignorance and evil and wrongdoing and all manner of nasty." Then the angel disappeared. The crowd, now numbering thousands, fell to its feet and cried in a loud voice:

"Hail Jesus Bar-Shara,  
King of the Peenicitel  
Blessed is the world  
For Thou Art Here!"

JALUL: According to Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, the roar which was heard at the anointing of Jesus Bar-Shara was written by Jesus Bar-Shara.

JALUL: This morning word was received from Lourdes; Jesus Bar-Shara has appointed his disciples. Thirteen of them. When asked why he selected one too many, Bar-Shara said. "I'll do it my way. I'm paying for it." Twelve of the disciples are named Richard Liller, and each has a particularly noteworthy characteristic which caused him to be suitable for discipleship. For example, Richard Liller #1 is caught in a fisherman's net; Richard Liller #2 has had his head served on a platter for some time now; etc. As for the thirteenth disciple, his name is Larry Peery, and he is the Judas of the lot. The question of the day is now, Will Peery betray Bar-Shara before Bar-Shara can kick Peery off the Board of Directors?

MECCA: Chief Mumuch of the Turkish Court, Haddhaddah Member, today explained the recalcitrant behavior of the Turkish armed forces: when it comes to war or dope, which would YOU smoke? Between the concubines of the harem and the poppy fields in the backyards, the Sultan has little time for ordering about the ~~sum~~ ~~soum~~ of yellow.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The world is witnessing a victory for mediocrity! The Turkish foreign ministry, governed by an obscure private known to his one friend, Groover LoTuber, as the Crazy Doctorman, has announced that the most famous Turkish sultan of all time has been recreated for use in the game VI Bullshit) A(iley): Yuk the Omnicient, ruler of the Imperial Potentate of West Mongolia, Indiana, and Dean of the

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law school in Jesseville, Armenia. The honorific term 'yuk' has great historical significance, first being seen on the washroom of a San Diego opium den in 1898, and defined there as "A creature to low to kick and too wet to step on." Although the Sultan's parents considered this a bit euphemistic in light of the sanitary habits of the new sultan, they did not want the lad to suffer from a name which might have been less euphemistic and more descriptive, and thus and so became the new leader of Turkey, besieged by the new nations of the world and foredoomed to despicable fates in the face of pre-rigged games. OVERHEARD IN ARRAP, BULGARIA: "But ah," said the pornographic book dealer, "I can take you along the road to victory, but I unfortunately have forgotten the key." "That's all right," said the Capital City's most slaving civil servant, "I have a lid out in the car." (AND THE SPECTRE OF THE FIREBORN LOOKS IN THE DISTANCE.) Disgusted at being overheard, they moved into another room, where the book dealer began, "This room is soundproof; no one can hear us in here." "What?" "I said that this room is soundproof; no one can hear us in here." "What did you say?" "I said, this room is...." "What?" Cooperation against the Sultan is hard to come by.

LONDON: AND YOU CAN BELIEVE ME, he said, BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS RIGHT, AND I NEVER LIE.

JAMUL: The key to success cost me \$75, and that wasn't bad, considering.

JAMUL: If you put a lid on your troubles you will be higher than the proverbial kite, which is precisely why Ben Franklin wrote such weird Little Richard's - I mean Poor Richard's. (These days it's Tzeky Richard's.)

JAMUL: And you can believe me, too, he said, because I'm always right, and I'm always right, and anyone else who says so is a liar. And if you object I'll stop sending you the magazine and write a satiric article about you for GRAUSTARK, entitled 'Sloggoblins of Whomever-the-Fuck-You-Are's Sterile Kind.'

JAMUL: Yuk the Magnificent, the name which has come down to us in slightly altered form as Yuk the Omnicient (and the altered form fits the person well), was originally found scrawled on a Chula Vista rest room in 1889. It was discovered by the police during their famous Queer Raid, in which 47 homosexuals were pulled out of a 3 x 4 rest room and arrested. (This incident gave rise to Chula Vista's greatest saying: "In Chula Vista, the way to separate the men from the boys is with a crowbar.") This gives you some indication as to what valid connotations can be drawn from the name Yuk.

JAMUL: Maybe this version of the lousy limerick is better:

A teacher ~~name~~ named Just, from Paoli,  
Ate fifty-three pounds Gorgonzoli.  
He was such a round creature,  
He changed to a pizza,  
And got through the doors on the roll-i.

(Alternate version of last line: And got through the doors rolli-poli.

ROME (5 Nov. 1902): The sudden death of Pope Alexander VII, at the tender age of 95, has plunged all Christianity into sadness. This lively old man was best known for his characteristic response to petitions from the Vatican: "Shove it!" Apparently His Holiness was eating a cherry and

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choked to death on the stone. As Peter, Cardinal Cottontail, remarked, "It is a shame that one who spent so much time keeping people out of the pit should strangle on one." The funeral will be this afternoon in order, says Alfred, Cardinal Doelittle, "tu git 'is 'Oliness under ground afore 'E starts in ta atink."

ROME (4 Nov. 1901): The funeral of Pope Alexander VII, unavoidably delayed from yesterday, was held several miles outside of town. The mourning dignitaries, suitably attired in black clothes and black clothes pins, stood as close to the burial site as they could, fanning the air away from their faces. Her Majesty the Queen stayed long enough to say, "He was a great friend ob Our family abd he bill biss hib," and withdrew, gagging.

ROME (5 Nov. 1901): Habemus Papam! After only one ballot, the College of Cardinals has elected Fussen, Cardinal Boots, as Pope. His Holiness has chosen to style himself Felix VI, and began His reign by issuing an order that the Vatican must be kept well-stocked with mice at all times.

MILANO (12 Nov. 1901): The current story here is that the reason hot-pants are being used as the French flag instead of clothing for the Queen is that she has excessively ugly legs. As is chanted by children jumping rope:

"Hail to thee O Queen Eurlcen,  
Whose knee and thigh are never seen,  
Which lack is just as well, I ween,  
For such a sight could burst my spleen!"

ROME (15 Nov. 1901): Queen Sana-Allenea today announced the Honest-to-Goodness European Poetry Contest. Rules:

1. Players may submit entries in any or all of the following categories: (a) Specific Subject ("The Ugliness of Queen Eurlcen"); (b) Humorous Subject ("How \_\_\_\_\_ will win the war" -- name a specific country); (c) Limerick; (d) Clerihew; (e) Parody of any famous poem; (f) Limerick or clerihew on John Beshara; (g) "My Flag" in couplets; (h) Short poem (not more than 8 lines) on any animal; (i) Short poem on any subject (not more than 12 lines).

2. Entries must be submitted to the Gamesmaster not later than the deadline for Enter 1902 Builds.

3. The GM will publish entries in GEBOTES as they arrive.

4. After 4.02, and before 8.03 deadline, the players will vote for the best poem in each category. A poem must receive a majority in order to win. If there is no majority, the top two in that category will be in a run-off before the 8.03 deadline. In the event of tie, the GM casts the deciding vote. The player who wins in the largest number of categories will receive a suitable prize from the Italian player.

5. All entries must be the original work of the players submitting them.

Note--"A clerihew is a four-line poem (a-a-b-b) of biography or comment. One of the four lines must end with the name of the person being discussed (and of course its companion line must rhyme). (Which means nobody will be doing a clerihew on William of Orange. --gm). The poem need not scan, although each pair of lines should (but not must) contain the same number of feet. The title of the poem must be only one word, either an adjective or an adverb. The original clerihew was written by Edmund Clerihew Bentley, the American humorist, at the age of sixteen:

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JAMUL: According to all reference books in the Jamul Public Library, Sir Humphrey Davey was extremely fond of gravy. He was so fond of it, in fact, that he was thrice jailed for necrophilia.

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THE GAMESMASTER SAYS: Bleah! Insofar as I can tell, Walker is wholly in earnest about the poetry thing. In fact, I have already submitted one entry for the Clerihew on John Beshara section. I will agree to print all entries, beginning next time, and such else as I need to do, like entering all phases and stuffing ballot boxes. Really, folks; enter the thing and let's have a blast. Especially Ward, Barrows, Walker, and vrs. hmbli. svntc., who can turn this into another MARSOVIA.



ATTN.: The clemihew on the right is Entry #1 in the Poetry Contest. It ought to have been written by Dick Miller, whose name is signed. Whether it was or not is for you to figure out.



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John Beshara,  
 Mia cara,  
 Yo te quiero ~  
 Thou art Pharaoh!  
 (R. Miller?)